THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The ancient site at Balrajgarh in Madhubani district, Bihar had already been excavated by the Archaeological Survey of India during season 1962-63 and by the Department of Archaeology, Government of Bihar during the seasons 1972-73, 1974-75 establishing the antiquity of the site from the 2nd century B.C. to Pala period.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Assistance for Bird Hospital

1107. SHRI RAJNATH SONAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give financial assistance for setting up of a bird hospital in Uttar Pradesh to protect the birds, especially the migratory ones;

(b) whether a large number of migratory birds are found injured near Hindon river; and

(c) if so, the action being taken to protect these birds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Central Government.

(b) and (c). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Deforestation in Nagaland

1108. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:
SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large scale deforestation has taken place in Nagaland between 1982 and 1987 and the process is still going on ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) State Government of Nagaland have informed that no large scale deforestation has taken place in Nagaland between 1982 to 1987.

(b) Does not arise.

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Land Management Corporation

1109. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:
SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Land Management Corporation with equity participation in a bid to raise resources for financing Eighth Plan Programme for expansion and modernisation of Railways;

(b) if so, the main features of the plan and the area of railway land to be made viable asset;

(c) the area of idle land in Karnataka to be made viable; and

(d) the total area of surplus railway land and the area out of it under unauthorised occupation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.